

Parking Meters Proving Failure In Other California Communities

Parking meters, would have yielded the City of Torrance a probable gross income of only \$1,248 during the first six months of this year had they been installed as proposed last fall.

This is the conclusion reached after study of conditions in similar sized cities which have in-

Construction In Shoestring Strip Over \$40,000

Building permits totalling \$42,750 were issued during the past two weeks through the San Pedro building office for construction in the Shoestring Strip.

Home buildings include:

Harold Edwards, home at 1602 W. 227th st., \$3,000.

J. Bardin, home at 1608 226th st., \$3,900.

H. V. Duplisa, home and garage at 1516 W. 221st st., \$5,550.

E. J. DeStefano, 1901 Lomita blvd., home and garage at 1427 W. 251st st., \$2,800.

Non-housing projects at more than \$1,000 each: Earl Ulrich, addition to fruit juice building at 1532 W. 259th st., \$3,000.

W. H. Koll, warehouse at 591 W. 182nd st., \$24,500.

Torrance Youth Enlisted Into Regular Army

Another resident of this community has been sworn into the Regular Army. He is King W. Rhodes Jr., the 17-year-old grandson of Mrs. Alice Johnson of 2471 Torrance blvd.

The young man is a former member of the Emerson high school in Gadsden, Alabama, and has chosen the Corps of Engineers in which to serve for three years. His mother, Mrs. Arita Gibson, resides in Gadsden, Alabama. Rhodes gave as his reason for enlisting as the desire for travel and the opportunity of learning any of numerous trades offered by the Army.

U.S. Steel Co. Posts Earnings For 2nd Quarter

Reporting the earnings of United States Steel Corporation for the second quarter of 1947, Irving S. Olds, chairman, announced that the directors had today declared the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock, payable Aug. 20, 1947, to stockholders of record as of Aug. 4, 1947, and a dividend of \$1.00 per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 10, 1947, to stockholders of record as of Aug. 8, 1947.

Income for the second quarter of 1947 amounted to \$29,336,868, as compared with \$39,234,511 for the first quarter, or a total income of \$68,571,379, for the first six months of 1947, all before declaration of dividends.

Three More Lots On Western Ave. Ordered Bought

Negotiations leading to the purchase of three more pieces of land for the improvement of Western ave., from 182nd to 260th sts., have been authorized by the Los Angeles City Council.

The council ordered the director of the bureau of right-of-way and land to open escrows for the purchase of property at the southwest corner of 254th st. for \$3,325, the northeast corner of 219th st. for \$1,070, and the southwest corner of 257th st. for \$3,095.

The council also instructed the director to petition the county to cancel taxes on the property involved for the fiscal year 1947-48. A recommendation by the board of public works for the purchase of property at the southeast corner of 254th st. for \$815 was referred to the state, county and federal affairs committee.

Other figures taken from the 1947 edition of the Municipal Year Book reveal that 30 cities have found parking meters in-adviseable and have had them removed. Included in the 30 cities are Bakersfield and Taft.

Recent action by the merchants Division of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce petitioning for the removal of meters there indicate that Gardena too is finding them impractical from the standpoint of convenience and revenue.

An ordinance passed October 15 of last year providing for installation of the meters was repealed later in the face of a merchants' inspired petition signed by 1100 Torrance residents. Opposition centered mainly about the fact that the meters were designed to raise revenue and were not needed to relieve congestion or increase parking facilities.

Ryder Retires From Santa Fe Railroad Post

E. G. Ryder, special representative of the Santa Fe Railway, in charge of public relations on the company's coast lines, headquarters Los Angeles, today announced his retirement, effective Aug. 7.

He entered the line's service in the spring of 1918 in the freight claim division in San Francisco. Advanced to post of city freight agent in the traffic department at that point in 1920, he held various positions in that department.

FORMER TOPEKANS PLAN PICNIC IN LONG BEACH AUG. 16

Former residents of Topeka, Kansas will hold an all-day picnic at Bixby park, Long Beach Saturday, August 16, 1947.

Those who plan to attend are asked to pass the word along to other former Topekans. Further details may be had by contacting Bert Keele, 1740 S. Spaulding ave., Los Angeles, 35, or phone Whitney 4490.

Beauty Contest To Be Feature Of Centinela Days

"Seniorita Centinela" will be the title bestowed upon the winner of the beauty contest to be held as a feature of Centinela day, August 16-17, at Inglewood Recreation Center.

Sponsored by La Tijera Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, entries are now being received from all sections of Centinela Valley.

A parade, horse show, big dance, many booths and spot entertainment will all be included in the non-profit fiesta.

Entries for the Seniorita Centinela contest or the parade and horse show should be mailed immediately to 621 N. La Brea, Inglewood.

Rules for the beauty contest are: 1. Must be a native born Californian; 2. Must be a resident of or born in Centinela Valley; 3. Must be 17-25 years of age inclusive; 4. The decision of the judges will be final; 5. Entries must be in the hands of the committee by midnight, August 14.

New Legislation Aids Under-Age Calif. Servicemen

Ex-servicemen who are minors in the eyes of the law—under 21—may purchase real property on credit in California as a result of an act passed at the last session of the State Legislature.

The Senate bill authorizes guardians to purchase real property on behalf of their wards for cash, on credit or part cash, part credit.

This will allow many young veterans to take advantage of the loan clauses of the GI Bill of Rights.

The Federal act made no discrimination against the minors in granting loan privileges but an impediment lay in the state law which was interpreted by banks and other loan companies as indicating a credit contract with a minor might be voided.

The general rule, heretofore under the California probate code was that a guardian could invest cash for his ward in real property, but inferred that such purchases could not be made for credit.

In 1945 the Legislature allowed war veterans over 18 to participate in the California veterans' Farm and Home Purchase act but this measure was specific in effect.

This year's legislation clears the way for a guardian to obtain GI federal loan benefits for his ward.

TRIP TO IRVINE LAKE ENJOYED BY LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

Irvine lake was the scene of an all-day outing for Scouts of Troop 219 of Torrance Sunday.

Led by Scoutmaster Charles Dodd, 12 boys left early in the morning for a day of swimming, hiking and boating. Fred Clark and George Myers aided in transporting the troop to the lake.

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